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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY EIGHTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING: PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: A) STATE 183373, B) TOKYO 11035 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: HERewith NAMES OF TWO MORE JAPANESE DELEGATES TO
PREPCOM. JAPANESE WORRIED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA AS SITE FOR NINTH
CONSULTATIVE MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT'S VIEWS ON
SITE PROBLEM AND INFORMATION ON LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF US
DELEGATION TO OSLO PREPCOM. END SUMMARY.

1. KIYOSHI ITO, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, UNITED NATIONS
BUREAU, FONOFF, INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT IT "PROBABLE" THAT GOJ
DELEGATION TO PREPCOM WOULD INCLUDE HIMSELF AND MR. KITAICHIRO
OHMACHI, CHIEF, MINERAL DEPOSITS DIVISION, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF
JAPAN (PART OF AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, IN ADDITION TO
TWO DELEGATES NAMED IN REFTel B.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: TENTATIVENESS ITO INDICATED REFLECTS FACT THAT GOJ DELEGATION WILL NOT BE NAMED FORMALLY UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER. PARTICIPATION OF ALL FOUR MEN NAMED SO FAR IS A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY. END COMMENT.

2. ITO ALSO INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH VISIT OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HE WOULD MEET NORWEGIAN ATTACHE LATER THIS WEEK TO PURSUE ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS ON TOPICS EXPECTED TO CAUSE CONTROVERSY AT OSLO.

3. ITO NOTED THAT ONE OF ISSUES WHICH MIGHT ARISE AT CONSULTATIVE MEETING, IF NOT AT PREPCOM, WAS THAT OF SITE OF NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING. TROUBLE MAY ARISE OVER NEXT SITE, WHICH, IF ALPHABETICAL ORDER FOLLOWED AS IN PAST, WOULD BE SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD, ITO NOTED THAT USSR SENT NO DELEGATES TO MEETING OF SCAR (SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH) WHEN HELD IN PRETORIA A FEW YEARS AGO. IF PAST PRACTICE FOLLOWED, SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD PROPOSE ITSELF AS SITE OF NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING. ITO IS CONCERNED THAT SOVIET DISAGREEMENT TO SOUTH AFRICAN MEETING SITE WOULD BE INJURIOUS TO COOPERATION UNDER TREATY AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS SOMEONE SHOULD APPROACH UK IN ADVANCE AND ASK THEM TO PROPOSE SKIPPING SOUTH AFRICA AND USSR AND MEETING NEXT IN UK AND US. ITO ADDED THAT HE HAD HEARD SOME US MEMBERS ALSO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT PROBLEM OF NEXT SITE.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION, FOR DEPT'S BACKGROUND, IS FROM ITO, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN THIS FIELD FOR FIVE YEARS. IN VIEW OF JAPANESE CONCERN ON THESE POINTS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S ESTIMATE OF SITUATION AND ANY VIEWS ON ISSUE WHICH DEPT WISHES TO HAVE PASSED TO FONOFF. ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE WORD ON LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION TO PREPCOM (REFTEL B, PARA TWO).
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